

Planning North (FINAL)

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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

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The second component of this project is the development and completion of a Management Plan for Wildomar OHV Area. Wildomar has never had a specific functional management plan. This plan will address the general operation and maintenance needs of Wildomar OHV area and will identify standard operating procedures for the management of Wildomar. It will also highlight the resource protection and sustainability measures that are identified through the, above described, NEPA process; and will identify the way in which these measures will be implemented. The Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan will likely include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Future potential of Wildomar OHV Area
- Desired future condition of Wildomar OHV Area
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- Soil management plan
- Best Management Practices

The Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan will assist managers in identifying resource protection and maintenance priorities for Wildomar. These priorities will help to steer the OHV Program by aiding managers in making educated decisions as to where to spend appropriated Forest Service funds; and in determining which projects will need supplemental State OHV grant funding.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

NEPA analysis, under this project, will lead to a new NEPA decision document that will identify any additional protective measures that need to be taken to ensure that Wildomar remains available and sustainable for OHV recreation activities. Wildomar has never had a specific functional management plan. The plan developed through this project will address the general operation and maintenance needs of Wildomar OHV area and will identify standard operating procedures for the management of Wildomar. It will also highlight the resource protection and sustainability measures that are identified through the, above described, NEPA process; and will identify the way in which these measures will be implemented. The Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan will likely include, but is not limited to, the following items:

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C. Statement of Activities

Through this project the Cleveland National Forest will conduct NEPA review of the activities associated with Wildomar OHV Area. We will produce additional specialist reports, and a new NEPA decision document that will govern operation and maintenance activities at Wildomar OHV Area. Through the NEPA decision, additional natural resource protective measures may be identified and established.

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The Cleveland NF will develop an agreement/contract with Trails Unlimited, who will use their expertise and knowledge of OHV management, coupled with over 25 years of experience in Wildomar to work with Cleveland NF staff to develop this management plan. The Cleveland NF will accomplish the NEPA work for this project, and Trails Unlimited will develop the bulk of the management plan.

D. List of Reports

Anticipated reports through this project are as follows:

- Wildlife Report
- Botanical Report
- Soils Report
- Watershed Report
- Heritage Report
- Recreation Report
- Decision Memo or appropriate NEPA decision document
- Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan

Additional Documentation

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Projected Timeline for Completion, Wildomar](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[Trail Map, Wildomar OHV Area](#)

[Wildomar Aerial Photo Map](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Cleveland National Forest				
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning North (FINAL)			PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-02-P01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>This project consists of two separate, yet connected components. The first objective consists of re-visitation of the NEPA document that Wildomar OHV Area currently operates under, which was completed in the year 2000. Essentially each year the decision is revisited in a fundamental way to determine if resource conditions have changed on the ground. Under this project we will conduct a more in-depth environmental analysis of Wildomar, which will include fresh specialist reports. Wildlife biologists, botanists, soils specialists, watershed specialists, heritage resource managers, and recreation managers will re-analyze standard operation and maintenance activities such as: campground and staging area cleaning; cutting grass and vegetation within the campground and staging areas; maintaining the existing wells and possibly drilling new ones; grading and maintaining access roads; maintaining trail clearance by cutting brush and grubbing stobs; maintaining trail tread and drainage features; and maintaining fences, signs, barriers, and facilities. This analysis will lead to a new NEPA decision document that will identify any additional protective measures that need to be taken to ensure that Wildomar remains sustainable for OHV recreation activities.</p> <p>The second component of this project is the development and completion of a Management Plan for Wildomar OHV Area. Wildomar has never had a specific functional management plan. This plan will address the general operation and maintenance needs of Wildomar OHV area and will identify standard operating procedures for the management of Wildomar. It will also highlight the resource protection and sustainability measures that are identified through the, above described, NEPA process; and will identify the way in which these measures will be implemented. The Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan will likely include, but is not limited to, the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future potential of Wildomar OHV Area • Desired future condition of Wildomar OHV Area • Trail difficulty ratings • Trail Management Objectives • Trail maintenance plan • Facility and improvements maintenance plan • Sign Plan • Natural resource protection plan • Soil management plan • Best Management Practices <p>The Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan will assist managers in identifying resource protection and maintenance priorities for Wildomar. These priorities will help to steer the OHV Program by aiding managers in making educated decisions as to where to spend appropriated Forest Service funds; and in determining which projects will need supplemental State OHV grant funding.</p>				

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: USFS - Cleveland National Forest
Application: Planning North (FINAL)

3/1/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Watershed/Soils Specialist, GS-12	8.000	370.000	DAY	2,960.00	0.00	2,960.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist, GS-11	5.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Other-Botanist, GS-12	7.000	340.000	DAY	2,380.00	0.00	2,380.00
	Other-Heritage Resource Mgr, GS-12	5.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Other-Forest Road Engineer, GS-11	3.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	900.00	900.00
	Other-Recreation Staff Officer, GS-11	13.000	340.000	DAY	0.00	4,420.00	4,420.00
	Other-District Ranger, GS-13	2.000	500.000	DAY	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Other-Forest Recreation Staff Officer, G	2.000	400.000	DAY	0.00	800.00	800.00
	Other-NEPA Specialist/Planner, GS-12	2.000	350.000	DAY	700.00	0.00	700.00
	Total for Staff				6,040.00	10,370.00	16,410.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Management Plan creation	1.000	35000.000	EA	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs	1.000	4100.000	MISC	0.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
Total Program Expenses					41,040.00	14,470.00	55,510.00

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Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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Program Expenses					
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2	Contracts	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	
Total Program Expenses		41,040.00	14,470.00	55,510.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		41,040.00	14,470.00	55,510.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

This is a planning project that will provide environmental analysis and a NEPA decision document that will guide the management of Wildomar OHV Area. Once the NEPA decision is complete, an OHV Management Plan will be developed to guide standard operation and maintenance in Wildomar. This project will have no direct effect on wetlands, navigable waters, or sensitive habitats and species. Implementation of this project will allow for future ground disturbing activities, but will first evaluate their potential effects on natural resources in the area. Wildlife biologists, botanists, soils specialists, watershed specialists, heritage resource managers, and recreation managers will re-analyze standard operation and maintenance activities such as: campground and staging area cleaning; cutting grass and vegetation within the campground and staging areas; maintaining the existing wells and possibly drilling new ones; grading and maintaining access roads; maintaining trail clearance by cutting brush and grubbing stobs; maintaining trail tread and drainage features; and maintaining fences, signs, barriers, and facilities. Specialists will identify any additional protective measures that need to be taken to ensure that Wildomar remains sustainable for OHV recreation activities.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

This is a planning project. Operation and maintenance operations have been occurring at Wildomar for nearly 30 years. General on-the-ground operations are not expected to significantly change as a result of this project, however, if operational or maintenance changes do occur, the changes are expected to bring greater protection to the human and/or natural environment. The purpose of this planning project is to protect natural resources in the Wildomar OHV Area and minimize environmental impacts.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

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ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

This is a planning project that will provide environmental analysis and a NEPA decision document that will guide the management of Wildomar OHV Area. There are no state scenic highways within viewshed of the area.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

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ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

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CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Planning Project Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

☐ 76% or more (10 points)

☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)

☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)

☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

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2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses

☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.

☐ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents

☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation

☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

This planning project will include a NEPA component that will re-evaluate the Decision document, for operation and maintenance of Wildomar OHV Area, that was signed on July 24, 2000. The following items will be reviewed by specialists as a part of this process: Wildlife, botany, cultural resources, soil conditions, water quality, potential effects of OHV recreation on other recreation uses, and trail closures and appropriate uses. The specialist's findings will be incorporated into the final product of this project, which will be the Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan, so that appropriate protective measures are clearly identified, and suitable action is taken by managers.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points)

☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)

☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)

☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☐ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [Picnicing]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 1

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☐ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

On January 6, 2010 at our quarterly OHV and Cleveland National Forest Meeting, led by Jan McGarvie of the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, we discussed the purpose and need of a Management Plan for Wildomar OHV area. We discussed the benefits of developing a functional plan and the opportunity to enhance the quality of the OHV experience through properly defined management of the site.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ 4 or more (4 points)

☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)

☐ 1 (1 point)

☒ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)

☐ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)

☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)

☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)

☐ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

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8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Wildomar OHV Area continues to be dependent upon State OHV Grant funds in order to be operational. Each year the Cleveland National Forest requests funding from the State of California Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program in order to fund an OHV Area Manager and to supplement basic operation and maintenance needs. Implementation of the proposed Management Plan is not expected to lead to a significant change in the funding required to manage Wildomar, but rather is expected to bring coordination, clarity, and priority to the existing needs within the OHV Area. We expect that in order to implement the proposed Management Plan, the Cleveland NF will continue to request OHV Grant funds commensurate with applications in years past, and will rely on State funding as we always have for sustainable OHV use at Wildomar. In addition, the Cleveland NF will continue to use Recreation Technicians, funded by appropriated Forest Service funds, to provide visitor services and general O&M and enforcement activities.

Reference Document

OHMVR Division Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program, Project Agreement No. G08-02-02-G02

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Through the NEPA process, this planning project would re-analyze two important off-site impacts; soil loss and water quality. Soils review will be conducted within Wildomar OHV Area. If significant issues, including higher than acceptable amounts of sedimentation are identified, Soil Specialists will determine the appropriate conservation measures that need to be taken. The specialist's findings will be incorporated into the Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan, so that appropriate measures are clearly identified, and suitable action is taken by managers.

Watershed review will also be conducted for Wildomar. If significant water quality issues are identified, Watershed Specialists will determine the appropriate conservation measures that need to be taken. The specialist's findings will be incorporated into the Wildomar OHV Area Management Plan, so that appropriate measures are clearly identified, and suitable action is taken by managers.

